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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD) - NORWEGIAN
CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP

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1. NORWEGIAN EMBASSY MINISTER BARTH CALLED ON ACDA
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DAVIES SEPTEMBER 7 TO PRESENT CASE FOR
NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE CD AND TO SEEK US VIEWS ABOUT
THE MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS. HE SAID NORWAY UNDER-
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STOOD CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO INCLUSION OF ONE
NATO COUNTRY AMONG THE ADDITIONAL FIVE TO EIGHT MEMBERS TO
BE CHOSEN AND FELT THAT IN WEIGHING NORWAY'S CANDIDACY
ACCOUNT SHOULD BE TAKEN OF NORWAY'S STRATEGIC LOCATION
AND ITS STRONG INTEREST IN FINDING WAYS TO REDUCE TENSIONS
IN THE NORTH CAPE AREA. (FOLLOWING BARTH-S VISIT,
NORWEGIAN EMBASSY CALLED TO SAY THAT ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

ON THE SUBJECT HAD ARRIVED FROM OSLO AND THAT BARTH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SECOND MEETING TO PRESENT NORWEGIAN CASE MORE FULLY. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 9.)

2. DAVIES REVIEWED FOR BARTH US THINKING ON ASPECTS OF SELECTION PROCESS (TIMING, METHOD OF CONSULTATION, NUMBERS OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS) ALONG GENERAL LINES EXPLAINED IN

EARLIER CONSULTATIONS WITH DENMARK (REFTEL, PARAS 1A THROUGH 1E). HE SAID US WAS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO INCLUSION OF ONE NATO COUNTRY AMONG THE ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS AND THAT ITS PREFERRED LIST OF CANDIDATES WOULD ALSO INCLUDE AUSTRALIA, ONE EUROPEAN NEUTRAL, ALGERIA, ONE BLACK AFRICAN -- PROBABLY KENYA, VENEZUELA, AND ONE ASIAN-- PREFERABLY INDONESIA. HE SAID US HAD GIVEN ITS LIST TO SOVIETS AND WAS AWAITING A FORMAL RESPONSE. HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS HAD MADE CLEAR THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR CUBA, ABOUT WHICH US HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS.

3. NOTING THAT SEVERAL NATO COUNTRIES HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CD, DAVIES SAID THE US HAD NO PREFERRED CANDIDATE. IT WAS THE US HOPE THAT A CONSENSUS WOULD EMERGE WITHIN NATO IN SUPPORT OF ONE CANDIDATE AND THAT THE ISSUE WOULD NOT BECOME A CONTENTIOUS ONE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. DAVIES SAID THE US WAS WELL AWARE OF NORWAY'S STRONG DISARMAMENT CREDENTIALS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS CERTAIN IT WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT MEMBER OF THE CD. CHRISTOPHER

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